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Eminem Prosecutor: I'll Deal, But For Jail Time

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One of the felony gun charges against Eminem in Michigan may be dropped, as long as the rapper pleads guilty to the other count, prosecutor Carl Marlinga said Monday (November 27).

But Marlinga said he would ask for jail time no matter what Marshall Mathers III pleads when he returns to court in Macomb County, Michigan, on December 8.

Marlinga said Eminem has the same options as any other first-time offender in Michigan.

We're not offering a milder sentence," Marlinga said, adding that he would likely ask for six to nine months. Judge Antonio Viviano will make the final sentencing determination. If he pleads guilty, sentencing could come as early as December 8.

If Eminem pleads not guilty, as his lawyers indicated he would after a pretrial hearing in October, the case will go to trial. The rapper faces one count each of carrying a concealed weapon — punishable by up to five years in prison — and assault with a dangerous weapon,

which carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison.

Eminem is charged with striking John Guerra, 26, with a gun outside the Hot Rock Sports Bar and Café in Warren, Michigan, on June 4. Guerra filed a lawsuit against Eminem alleging assault and emotional distress. That suit, which seeks at least $25,000 in damages, is on hold until the criminal case is resolved.

Stan," from Eminem's multiplatinum *The Marshall Mathers LP,* is at #45 on the *Billboard* R&B/Hip-Hop singles chart.

Representatives for Eminem and other lawyers involved in the case were unavailable for comment.